

## Testimony for HB 6517

My name is Jill Palma, I live in Portland, Connecticut. I fully support House Bill 6517, An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Task Force to Analyze the Implementation of Laws Governing Dyslexia Instruction and Training.

I have family members with dyslexia and I have seen 1st hand how hard school is and how hard my family members have to work to succeed. I work in a school and see the benefits to teachers receiving training in the science of reading. I have friends who are educators in Connecticut who so desperately want this training, and wish they received in their undergraduate education classes. They so desperately want to support students, but are struggling.

Giving teachers the knowledge and tools to meet the needs of children with dyslexia (both in pre-service and in-service) would make a difference by meeting the student needs. Teachers who receive training while at college or university would SAVE districts MONEY, teachers' time, and students from falling behind.

This bill will help with setting frameworks, guidance, compliance measures and implementation. Please support HB 6517 for the benefit of our teachers and students.

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